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Re: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

My wife Cheryl and I adopted a new born (Bryan) who's biological parents had drug and alcohol addictions. It did not take long for us to realize that he was going to have some special needs. It was obvious at a young age that Bryan did not have any concept of cause and effect or consequences of actions. He did not have any perception of others personal space and basically missed social cues all together. He had a real tendency to get wound up to the point he could not rein himself back in. He would destroy things and get very aggressive with others. At the age of 5 when Bryan entered Kindergarten his behavior became even more of an issue. At that time Bryan became involved with YBGR. It has been helpful for us as parents to know that we have a support system to help us understand and learn how to cope with some of Bryan's difficulties. As parents it has been nice to know that we have someone with our child's best interest in mind helping him to learn how to deal with his emotions and behavioral issues. It has also been good to have the support of a group of people that don't judge us as parents as we deal with our child's special needs but provides support and encouragement and hope for a brighter tomorrow. Bryan has grown tremendously through the years he has been involved with YBGR. He is now 12 years old and we rarely get any reports of bad behavior. Early on in Bryan's school experience it was not uncommon to get calls multiple times a week. As parents we provide a stable home environment for Bryan and make sure he has a lot of involvement in church and other recreational and athletic activities that provide for his personal growth. But without YBGR I don't think Bryan would be at the level of independence and appropriate behavior he has reached. We are truly grateful for the services provided by Yellowstone Boys and Gers Ranch.

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